

2012 Decatur Mandatory Water Restrictions Stage 2

As of August 9, 2012, 12:01 AM Central Daylight Time, the following regulations are in effect for all sources of water originating from Lake Decatur and the City of Decatur Public Water Supply.

1. The withdrawal of water from Lake Decatur is prohibited except for use by the City of Decatur and Archer Daniels Midland Company water treatment facilities.
2. The use of water to maintain lawns, landscape grass, golf course grass, athletic field grass, trees and shrubs is prohibited. This regulation does not apply for water used to maintain vegetation inventories at commercial gardening, landscaping and plant nursery facilities.
3. The use of water to maintain gardens used to produce human food is allowed only under the following conditions:
 - a. Water must be poured from a bucket that is 5 gallons in volume or less.
 - b. Water can only be used on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.
4. Industrial customers must report to the City the expected reductions in water usage that will be realized from water conservation measures implemented in the last 90 days.
5. The operation of outdoor and indoor water fountains is prohibited. Drinking fountains are exempt from this regulation.
6. The use of water to wash or clean streets, driveways, sidewalks, parking lots and all other paved surfaces is prohibited unless approved in advance by the Water Services Division for the maintenance of public health and safety. Construction sites are exempt from this regulation.
7. The use of water to wash or clean the exterior of buildings and structures is prohibited unless approved in advance by the Water Services Division for the maintenance of public health and safety. Construction sites are exempt from this regulation.
8. The use of water to fill outdoor swimming pools, outdoor hot tubs and ponds is prohibited. The use of water is allowed to top off outdoor swimming pools and outdoor hot tubs.
9. The use of water to wash the exterior of motorized vehicles is prohibited except for the maintenance of public health and safety. Car and truck washes, detailing facilities and motor vehicle sales facilities are not exempt from this regulation.

10. The service of water at restaurants is prohibited unless requested by the customer.
11. The use of water to test fire hydrants, water mains and water service lines is prohibited unless approved in advance by the Water Services Division.
12. Fire hydrant meter rentals are prohibited except for use on construction projects and to maintain public health and safety when approved in advance by the Water Services Division.
13. The Decatur Bulk Water Station will be closed.
14. Detectable water leaks must be repaired within 72 hours of discovery. If the leak is not repaired in this time frame then the leaking water service may be shut off by the Water Services Division.